

Minutes
Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee Meeting
March 16, 2015

Members Present

Senator Fletcher Hartsell, Chair
Senator Stan Bingham
Senator Valerie Foushee
Senator Louis Pate
Senator Shirley Randleman
Senator Jeff Tarte, Advisory Member

Representative Craig Horn, Chair
Representative Becky Carney
Representative Ted Davis
Representative Nelson Dollar
Representative Jean Farmer Butterfield
Representative Pat Hurley
Representative Rena Turner

Call to Order

Representative Craig Horn, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Senator Bingham moved to approve the February 23, 2015 *Minutes*. Motion carried.

Motion to Amend Work Plan

Representative Ted Davis moved to amend the work plan to direct the Program Evaluation Division to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of Medicaid eligibility determinations in North Carolina. This evaluation will study the accuracy, consistency, and timeliness of Medicaid eligibility determinations made by county departments of social services, including an examination of their processes, management, and performance. The Program Evaluation Division will make a preliminary report to the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Committee by June 1, 2015 and a final report to this committee, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division by February 1, 2016.

Representative Horn requested PED Director, John Turcotte to explain this change to the work plan and the evaluation itself. After discussion, Representative Horn asked for a vote on the motion. Motion carried.

Presentations and Comments

Representative Horn recognized Karen Cochran-Brown from the Research Division to present a legal summation of the US Supreme Court decision, *North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners v. Federal Trade Commission*. Karen gave a synopsis of the background of the case, the court's holding and the final Court ruling. The decision went against the NC Dental Board, which sought to preserve its immunity from anti-trust laws as a State agency

Representative Horn recognized Chuck Hefren, Principal Program Evaluator who presented the findings and recommendation of the December 2014 PED report, *Occupational Licensing Agencies Should Not be Centralized, but Stronger Oversight is Needed*.

Representative Horn recognized two presenters to explain the effects of the court decision and their assessment of the decision's impact on the future conduct and operations of the boards

1. Bobby White, Chief Operating Officer of the NC Board of Dental Examiners
2. Mark Merritt, Vice President of the NC State Bar

Representative Horn announced that the committee would receive open comments from the following occupational licensure boards and others who had requested to speak:

Steve Stroud, Chairman - Locksmith Licensing Board
Elita Hill, Practitioner - Interpreters and Transliterators Licensing Board
Becky Garrett, Executive Director - Recreational Therapy Licensure
Ann Christian, Counsel - Athletic Trainer Examiners
John Fountain, Counsel- Plumbing, Heating and Fire Sprinkler Contractors and
Electrical Contractors
Miriam Baer, Executive Director - Real Estate Commission
Jay Campbell, Executive Director - Board of Pharmacy
Anna Choi, Counsel - Licensing Board for General Contractors
Mike Tadych, Counsel - Acupuncture Licensing Board

Representative Horn requested others in attendance interested in speaking to do so. Susan Delaney, ND, provided comments regarding the need for licensing of the naturopathic occupations.

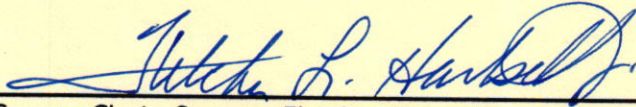
Representative Horn announced that due to the hour, the video of the March 10 presentation to Senate Program Evaluation Committee by Professor Judith Wegner, former Dean of UNC School of Law, would not be shown but was available for viewing on the PED website.

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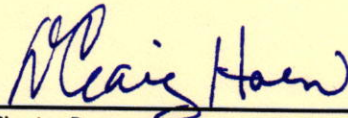
Representative Horn announced that the committee would next meet Monday, April 13th.

Adjournment

With no further business, the committee adjourned.



Senate Chair, Senator Fletcher Hartsell



House Chair, Representative Craig Horn